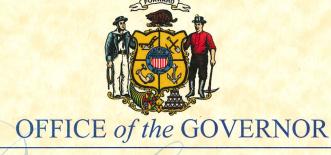
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WHEREAS; gastroparesis, or paralysis of the stomach, is a chronic illness characterized by nausea, vomiting, early satiety, and debilitating stomach pain; and

WHEREAS; gastroparesis can lead to serious complications including malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS; although it is estimated that the illness affects more than five million people in the United States, gastroparesis receives little awareness, has no known cure, and only a few consistently safe, reliable, and effective medications and treatments exist; and

WHEREAS; affected individuals and families seek further research, the development of additional medications and treatment options, better support, and hope for the future; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins gastroparesis patients and advocates in spreading awareness and embracing hope that advancements in science and medicine will soon lead to a deeper understanding of the condition, new treatments, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

## **GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2021.

TONY EVERS

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State